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November 2007 Dry Edible Bean Production Forecast

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Production for Montana's dry edible bean crop was estimated at 311,000 cwt, up 2 percent from the 2006 crop, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Planted acreage for 2007 is estimated at 18,500 acres, a 5 percent decrease from last year. Harvested area for 2007 is 17,800 acres, a 4 percent decrease from 2006. The yield is forecast at 1,750 pounds per acre, 110 pounds per acre more than last year.

Pinto bean production for Montana is estimated at 206,000 cwt, which is 12 percent lower than last year. Acres planted, at 8,500, are down 21 percent from 2006 and harvested acres are 20 percent lower at 8,400 acres. The yield is forecast at 2,450 pounds per acre, 220 pounds higher than last year.

All chickpea (garbanzo beans) production is forecast at 105,000 cwt for 2007, up 48 percent from 2006. Planted acreage was 10,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2006. Harvested area is 9,400 acres, up 16 percent from 2006. The yield is forecast at 1,120 pounds per acre, 240 pounds above 2006. Small Chickpea (smaller than 20/64 in.) production is forecast at 8,000 cwt for 2007. Planted acreage was 1,000 acres. Harvested area is estimated at 900 acres. The yield is forecast at 900 pounds per acre. Large Chickpea (larger than 20/64 in.) production is forecast at 97,000 cwt for 2007. Planted acreage was 9,000 acres. Harvested area is estimated at 8,500 acres. The yield is forecast at 1,140 pounds per acre.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million cwt for 2007, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but 4 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.48 million acres, 1 percent above the last forecast but 4 percent below the previous year's acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,708 pounds per acre, a decrease of 19 pounds from the October forecast but 131 pounds above the 2006 yield. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, black, and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and small chickpeas.

Production in North Dakota is forecast at 10.6 million cwt, 38 percent above 2006. Harvested acres increased 4 percent, while the average yield, at 1,590 pounds per acre, is up 390 pounds from last year. Production in Washington is forecast at 1.02 million cwt, up 5 percent from 2006. The average yield, at 1,700 pounds per acre, is 100 pounds above the previous year. In Idaho, production is forecast at 1.60 million cwt, 16 percent below last year. The average yield, at 1,800 pounds per acre, is down 50 pounds from last season.

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